

College Cash for Foster Youth

CALIFORNIA CHAFEE GRANT PROGRAM

APPLICATION FOR 2003-04

The following information is needed so that your application can be considered for the foster youth California Chafee Grant Program.
Mail this application to the California Student Aid Commission at the address on the back.

Please Print or Type

LAST NAME		FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME	SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER - -
ADDRESS (Include Apt #)		CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
SHOULD THE ADDRESS ABOVE REPLACE ANY PRIOR ADDRESS? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	TELEPHONE NUMBER HOME () WORK ()	E-MAIL ADDRESS		BIRTHDATE ____/____/____
CALIFORNIA COUNTY WHICH HAS YOUR FOSTER CARE RECORDS				
YOUR CURRENT COLLEGE OR SCHOOL OF ATTENDANCE			CITY	STATE
YOUR DEGREE GOAL: <input type="checkbox"/> 1st Bachelor's Degree <input type="checkbox"/> 2nd Bachelor's Degree <input type="checkbox"/> Associate Degree (Occup. or Tech.) <input type="checkbox"/> Associate Degree (Gen. Ed. or Transfer) <input type="checkbox"/> Certificate or Diploma (for Occup. or Tech. or Educ. program of less than two years)			<input type="checkbox"/> Certificate or Diploma (for Occup. or Tech. or Educ. program of at least two years) <input type="checkbox"/> Teaching Credential Program <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate or Professional Degree	
CURRENT EDUCATIONAL LEVEL (Check one only) <input type="checkbox"/> FRESHMAN (FEWER THAN 30 UNITS) <input type="checkbox"/> SOPHOMORE <input type="checkbox"/> SENIOR <input type="checkbox"/> JUNIOR <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER _____		HAVE YOU COMPLETED THE 2003-04 FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA)? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <i>(The 2003-04 FAFSA must be completed prior to receiving any Chafee Grant funds. The 2003-04 FAFSA can be filed on-line at www.fafsa.ed.gov)</i>		
ARE YOU ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE AN EMANCIPATED FOSTER YOUTH STIPEND OR ILP FUNDS? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO				
HOW DID YOU FIND OUT ABOUT THE CALIFORNIA CHAFEE GRANT PROGRAM? _____ California Student Aid Commission _____ ILP/Social Worker _____ Mail _____ School financial aid officer _____ One-Stop Center _____ Other _____				

The fine print-

I declare under penalty of the laws of the State of California and of the United States that this form has been examined by me and to the best of my knowledge and belief is true, correct and complete.

I authorize the Commission to receive and to release my student records, information regarding this application, including confidential information, and other information I have provided concerning my application with institutions and appropriate public and private agencies.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

DATE

Here are some questions and answers for the Chafee Grant Program-

What is a California Chafee Grant?

The California Chafee Grant Program gives up to \$5,000 annually of free money to foster youth and former foster youth to use for college courses or vocational school training. And you don't have to pay it back!

What do I need to apply?

You must be enrolled in a :

- ◆ college or vocational school that is Title IV-eligible
- ◆ course of study at least half time
- ◆ course of study that is at least one year long and Title IV-eligible

And you must keep those grades up, or "maintain satisfactory academic progress."

To apply, you must:

- ◆ be in California foster care on your 16th birthday, and not reached your 22nd birthday as of July 1, 2003
- ◆ file two forms:
 - ✓ 2003-04 Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Send the paper form to the U.S. Department of Education, or go online at www.fafsa.ed.gov **and**
 - ✓ California Chafee Grant Program Application (this form). Send it to the Commission.

How will I know if I'm selected?

The Commission will get your 2003-04 FAFSA form from the U. S. Department of Education. The FAFSA will be evaluated along with your Chafee Grant application (this form). The Commission will send you a letter to tell you if you are receiving a grant or not.



How will I get the grant?

Your grant will be sent to the college or vocational school where you are enrolled. Talk to your school's financial aid advisor about how the school will apply the grant.

Can others help me learn about Chafee Grants?

Yes, you can contact your:

- ◆ caseworker
- ◆ County ILP Coordinator
- ◆ school financial aid administrator
- ◆ One-Stop Centers

How can I contact the Commission?

If you have questions regarding the California Chafee Grant Program:

📞 **You can call** 1-888-224-7268 #3 Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

✉ **You can write** the Commission, *or mail your application to:*

California Student Aid Commission
Specialized Programs
Attn: California Chafee Grant Program
P.O. Box 419029
Rancho Cordova, CA 95741-9029

🖨 **You can e-mail** your questions to the Commission at: specialized@csac.ca.gov

💻 **For more information** on the Chafee Grant Program, just log on to the Commission's Web site at: www.csac.ca.gov. Click on *Commission Programs*, then click on *California Chafee Grant Program*. (Our on-line Chafee applications are under construction.)

Be sure to mail your California Chafee Grant Application to the Commission's address above.